

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16th OCTOBER 2018 AT 8.00PM IN THE ROSE ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllrs. Josephson (Chairman), Davies, Farrar, Hill, Hindler, R Lewin, T Lewin, McKinney, Melson, Miller, Pritchitt, Summers, Williams & Wogan.

APOLOGIES: District Cllr. Holloway

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Moore and County Cllr. F Whetstone

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst Clerk, County Cllr. Galley and Justin Bailey – Home Energy Efficiency Officer, Wealden District Council

C109/18 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Justin Bailey – Home Energy Efficiency Officer, Wealden District Council gave a presentation on Home Energy Efficiency and the ways in which Wealden District Council were working with the community.

C110/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Cllr. Holloway due to illness.

C111/18 RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2018 had been previously circulated. These were proposed for approval by Cllr. Hill. Seconded by Cllr Williams. **AGREED**
- There were no objections to the deletion of the digital recording of the meeting held on 31st July 2018.

C112/18 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
Cllrs. Pritchitt, Williams & Wogan	C113/18	Personal	Trustees of the Sports Ground Association
Cllr. Wogan	C114/18	Personal	Member of Royal British Legion WW1 Working Group
Cllr T Lewin	C117/18	Personal	Car Hire Club administrator & member. Shareholder in Forest Row Energy Co-op
Cllr Miller	C117/18	Personal	Shareholder in Forest Row Energy Co-op
Cllr. Hindler	C117/18	Personal	Member of Car Club administration group Shareholder in Forest Row Energy Co-op

C113/18 TO NOTE CLERK’S REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

- Venu on the Green developments. The Clerk repeated the report that had been given to Localism on 8th October. The groundworks were progressing on schedule. A successful fundraising car boot sale was held on 22nd September.
- The Waste Recycling Centre. Figures from Veolia were awaited before this could move forward.
- The Community Warden. Five councils have expressed an interest in participating in a hub-&-spoke arrangement, but details remain to be agreed.
- The FRSGA lease- This still awaits agreement on certain details. **NOTED**

C114/18 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Cllr. Wogan asked the Clerk if the British Legion had been thanked for the donation for the centenary bench. The Clerk confirmed that this would be done.
 Cllr. Wogan asked if the meeting mentioned in the confidential minute of the last meeting had taken place. The Clerk confirmed that this had not yet been arranged.

C115/18 TO NOTE & APPROVE LIST OF DELEGATED DECISIONS

Previously circulated with three content items. **NOTED**

C116/18 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- The Chairman welcomed County Cllr. Roy Galley to the meeting.
- The Chairman reminded all Councillors that the Autumn Reception would take place on Thursday 18th October and asked that all councillors attend if possible.
- The Chairman explained that her computer had contracted a virus and apologised if she was a little slow in answering any queries.
- The Chairman reported that the Community Warden had spoken to the person in charge of the roadworks in Priory Road. There were problems with a sub-contractor and the works had been delayed until at least November and would probably not take place until next Summer. The culvert would be jetted to remove silt.

C117/18 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

- Air Ambulance – The Clerk had compiled a list of potential landing sites in Forest Row for the Air Ambulance and this would be submitted for vetting. The Chairman wished to issue an invitation to the Chief Executive to speak in Forest Row. It was AGREED that this would be issued once the sites were settled.
- Forest Row Energy Co-operative. The possibility of the Council becoming a corporate member was discussed. Several Councillors were unsure of the benefits to the Council of such membership. Cllr. R Lewin proposed that a decision was deferred until someone from Forest Row Energy could come and speak to Council about this. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies and AGREED (the three Members who had declared an interest in the organisation did not vote)

Cllr. Melson joined the meeting at 9.15pm having given her apologies for lateness.

- Council Facebook Group. Cllr. Miller explained that this would be a closed group and all comments would be vetted by admin before publication. Admin would be Cllr. Miller, Sara Smart and Sue Young. There was protracted discussion regarding this matter. Cllr. Miller proposed that the creation of a Facebook group go ahead, on a 3-month trial. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies and AGREED with 7 for, 2 against and 5 abstentions.

Cllr. R Lewin left the meeting at 9.20pm due to ill health.

- Car Hire Club Charges: Cllr. T Lewin explained that the managing group wanted to increase the car hire charges to offset a large increase in the insurance premium. Cllr. T Lewin proposed that the mileage charge be increased from 23p to 29p per mile and the hourly charges would increase by 10p per hour. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED (the two Members who had declared an interest in the organisation did not vote).
- Better Communications working group: This working group had suffered a reduction in its original membership. Cllr. Josephson proposed that this group consist of Cllr. Miller, Pritchitt and Wogan and the Clerk with the following terms of reference.
'To explore ways of improving communication between Councillors, staff and the electorate.'
This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED.
- Standing Committee Structure: This item had been put on the agenda at the request of Cllr. Wogan. She said that it had been 8 years since the last review and she thought it was an opportune time to look at the Committee structure. Cllr. Josephson proposed that a working group be formed to review this and see if any changes were necessary or desirable. This was seconded by Cllr. Wogan and AGREED with 3 abstentions.
Cllr. Josephson proposed that the working group consist of Cllrs. Farrar, Pritchitt and Wogan together with the Clerk and Asst. Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED with 3 abstentions.
- Start time of meetings: This had been included in the agenda at the request of Cllr. R Lewin. Cllr. Josephson apologised that she had not brought this item forward, which had been her intention. Cllr. Josephson proposed that meetings have a start time of 7pm with 20 minutes public question time. There was no seconder for this.
Cllr. Wogan proposed that meetings have a start time of 7.30pm with 15 minutes public question time. This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and AGREED with 11 for and 2 against.
Cllr Hindler proposed that meetings have a start time of 8pm with 15 minutes public question time. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and REJECTED with 4 for, 8 against and 1 abstention.
This new timing would commence immediately.

C118/18 COMMUNITY WARDEN’S REPORT

Chris Harrison’s report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

C119/18 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report.

C120/18 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

No report.

C121/18 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE – No report NOTED
- PROPERTY & ASSETS COMMITTEE– A report had been previously circulated NOTED
- AMENITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – A report had been previously circulated.
Cllr. Wogan advised that the allotment rep, Annette Armstrong had sadly passed away and would be sorely missed. NOTED
- LOCALISM & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Cllr. T Lewin gave a verbal report summarising key points from last week’s meeting. NOTED
- PLANNING COMMITTEE – Cllr. Hindler gave a verbal report summarising key points from the last meeting. NOTED

C122/18 TO NOTE REPORT FROM YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated on 12th October. This was the report that the Youth Supervisor had intended to give at the Localism meeting but had been unavoidably detained.

NOTED.

C123/18 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Farrar advised that the Twinning Association French visitors would be arriving on Friday 26th October.

Cllr. T Lewin advised that Forest Row Energy were having a meeting (invitation only) with our MP later this week.

NOTED

C124/18 NOTICES

None received

C125/18 CONSULTATIONS

None

C126/18 CORRESPONDENCE

None

C127/18 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Cllr. Wogan asked that a review of the e-newsletter be put on a future agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE.....(Chairman)

